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Dear Sir:

This declaration, submitted prior to final rejection, is to establish completion of the invention in this application in the United States, at a date prior to February 1, 1999, which is the effective date of the reference (U.S. Patent Number 6,529,638) cited by the examiner.

1. The person making this declaration is a party of interest. The inventors are no longer employed by the party of interest.
2. As evidenced by the Invention Disclosure (Exhibit A), prepared, witnessed and signed by the two named inventors, a drawing and a written description of the invention was prepared prior to February 1, 1999.
3. The device was tested in July, 1999 as evidenced on the Invention Disclosure (Exhibit A).
4. The Invention Disclosure, prepared by the two named inventors was received by the Intellectual Property Department of LSI Logic Corporation on September 2, 1999, as evidenced by the docket log (Exhibit B).
5. The Invention Disclosure was sent to Outside Counsel on September 30, 1999.
6. Outside Counsel prepared a draft of the patent application on November 12, 2003.

DECLARATION

As a person signing below:

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. ✓

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